# National Transportation Stakeholders Forum

2011 Annual Meeting

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**Evaluation of Shortline Railroads** 

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SNF/HLW Rail Shipment Inspections

Tasked for the Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel

#### U.S. Commercial Nuclear Power Reactors—Years of Operation



Years of Commercial Operation	Number of Reactors
Δ 0.9	0
<b>10-19</b>	10
▲ 20-29	42
▲ 30·39	52

Source: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



#### Task:

- Identify Shortline Railroads Serving Nuclear Power Plants
- Establish Contact Information with Railroads Officials
- Field Review of each Railroad's Physical and Operational Infrastructure
- Facilitate Upgrades to Meet Safe Acceptable Standards

 Began by Contacting 28 identified Shortline Railroads

■ In September, 2007, we conducted a pilot assessment of the Winchester & Western Railroad, they would provide service to the Hope Creek and Salem 1 & 2 power plants located in southern New Jersey

Physical and Operational Infrastructure Survey Information



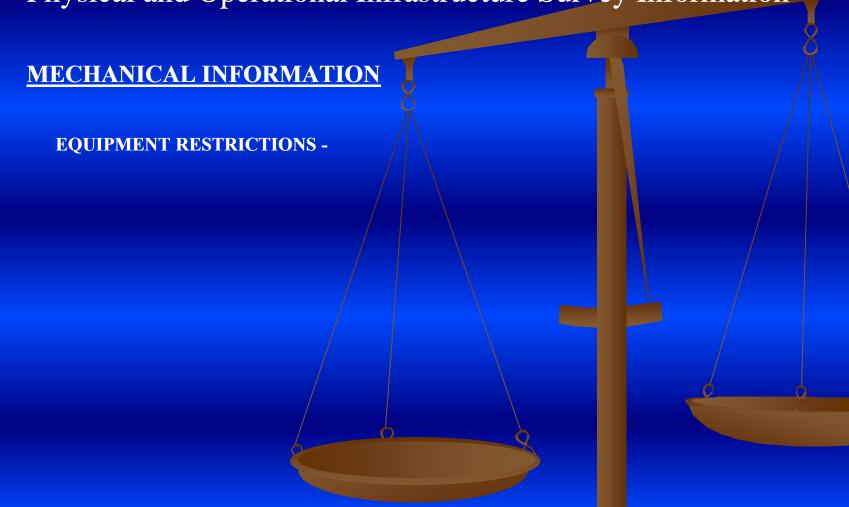
Physical and Operational Infrastructure Survey Information



**METHOD of OPERATION –** 

Signaled Territory Dispached Joint Operations -

Physical and Operational Infrastructure Survey Information



Physical and Operational Infrastructure Survey Information



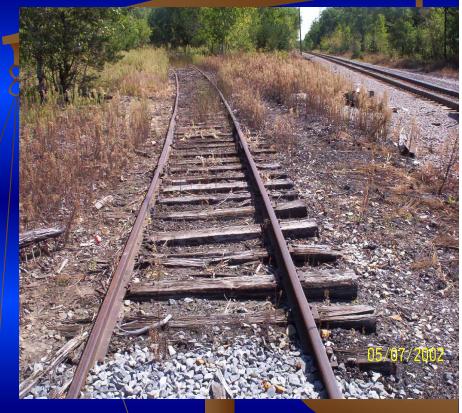
**NUMBER of GRADE CROSSINGS** 

**ACTIVE** -

**PASSIVE** -

CLASS 3 vs. EXCEPTED TRACK





The following maximum allowable operating speeds apply

Track Class	Maximum Speed	
-	Freight	Passenger
Excepted	10	N/A
1	10	15
2	25	30
3	40	60
4	60	80
5	80	90

The word "occupied" in (e)(2) refers to paying and non-paying passengers. It does not include train crew members, track maintenance crews, and other railroad employees who must travel over the track to attend to their work duties.

The Department of Energy appropriated funding for a joint project with the Federal Railroad Administration accompanied by the Counsel of State Governments to conduct a study of the 28 Shortline Railroads serving Nuclear Power Plants.

■ Two studies were conducted before funding for the study was suspended to budgetary constraints:

Ginna NPP/Ontario Midland Railroad
Vermont NPP/New England Central Railroad

Ginna/Ontario and Midland Railroad



- No direct rail access to Ginna NPP
- Class 1 connection CSX
- Approximately 28.6 railroad miles to CSX

Ontario Line - East/West Line (16.1 miles), FRA Track class 1 Sodus Bay Line - North/South Line (12.5 miles), FRA Track class 2

- Dark Territory
- 28 Active/Passive/Private Crossings
- Barge Slip near plant

The shipment would require a Heavy Haul from Ginna to one of two perspective sites;

Ontario Center Road (Route 350) Site 3.8 miles from Ginna



Knickerbocker Road Site 4.8 miles from Ginna



80 lb. Dudley rail on the Ontario Line (milled using the open hearth process in the early 1900s)





Because this rolling process was utilized, the rail has internal impurities, including slag, air pockets, and so on which makes the rail prone to breaks when heavy lateral forces are imposed; heavy cars like the ones proposed to transport the spent fuel rods would have an adverse effect on this size rail.

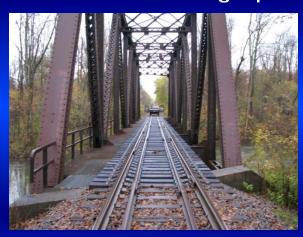
130 lb. PS rail on the Sodus Bay Line





A series of S-curves between the CSX interchange and MP 18.0 on the Sodus Bay Line have sharp curves of 10, 11, 12, and 13 degrees. A curve greater than 8 degrees limits the type of rolling stock able to negotiate over them. A rigid frame triple axle truck could easily derail trying to negotiate these curves.















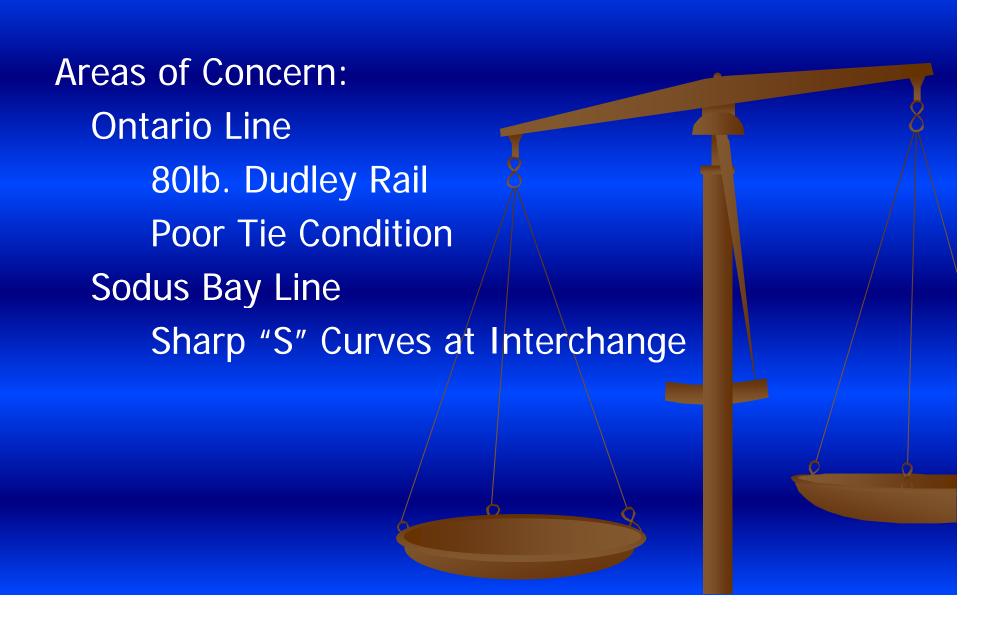
Possible Safe Havens



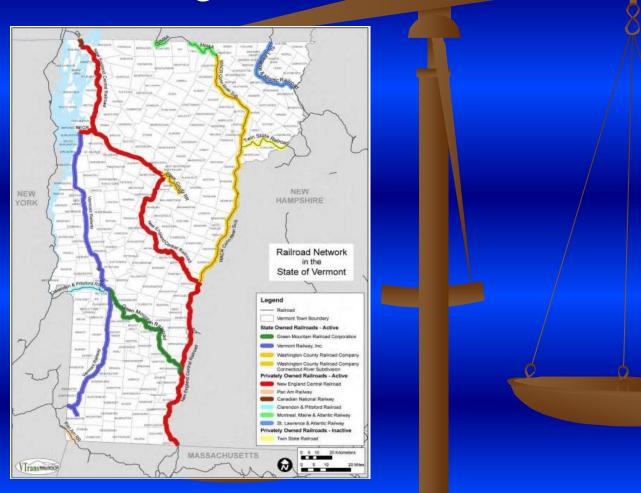
Barge Site Option - used previously by Ginna







Vermont NPP/New England Central Railroad

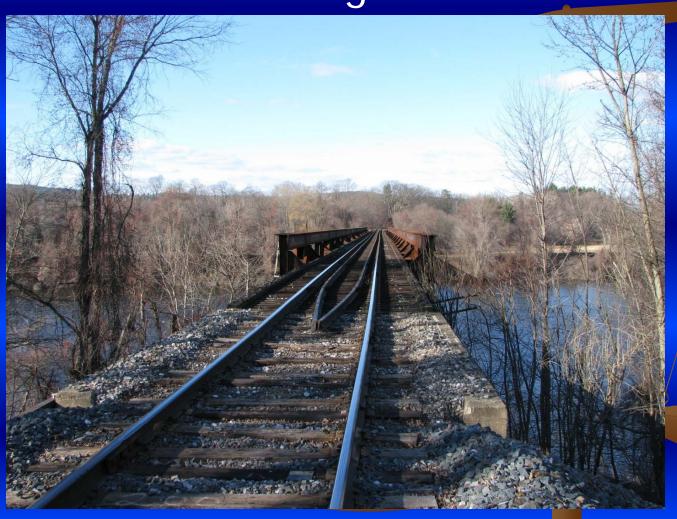


- Direct rail access to Vermont Yankee NPP
- Class 1 connection CSX
- Approximately 51 railroad miles to CSX

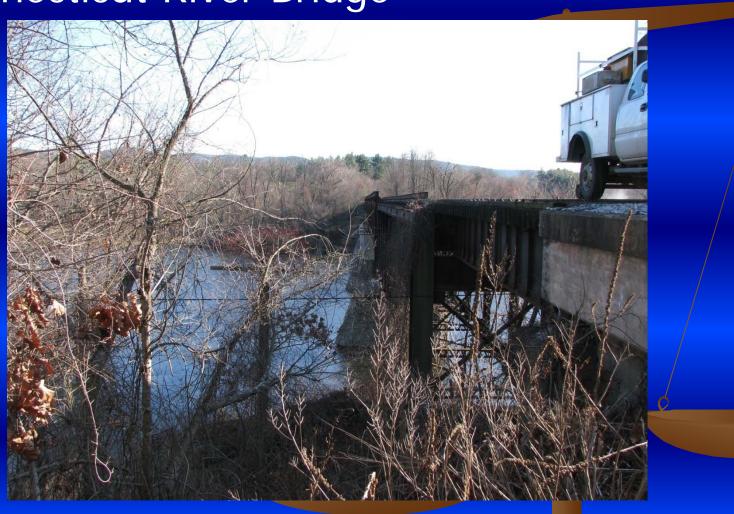
FRA Track Class 2 and 3

- Amtrak Route
- Major Bridge over the Connecticut River
- 17 Crossings Active/Passive/Private
- 13 Bridges

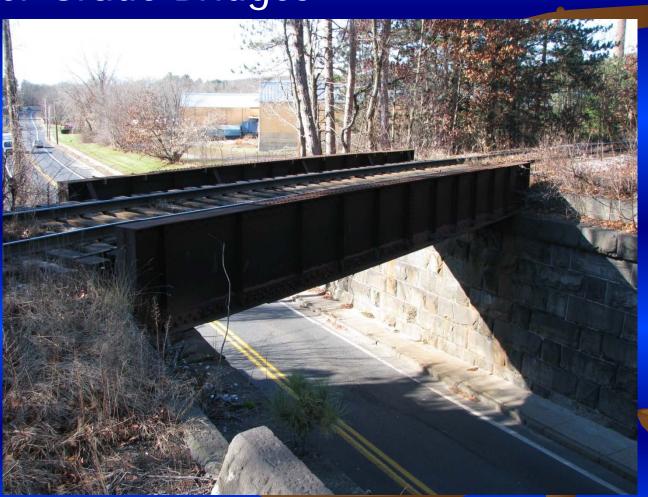
Connecticut River Bridge



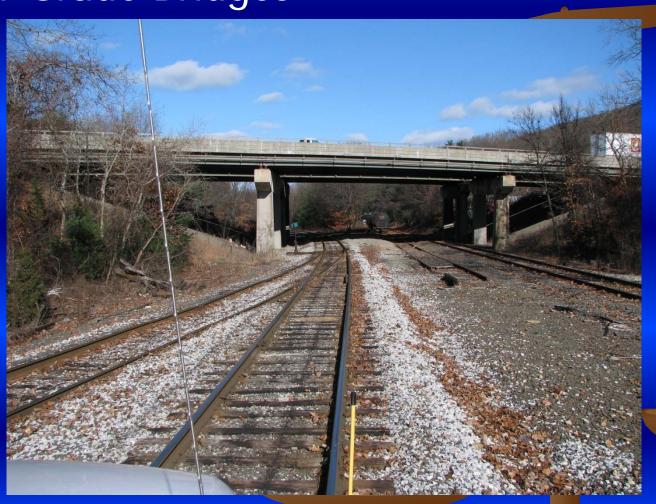
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**Under Grade Bridges** 



Over Grade Bridges



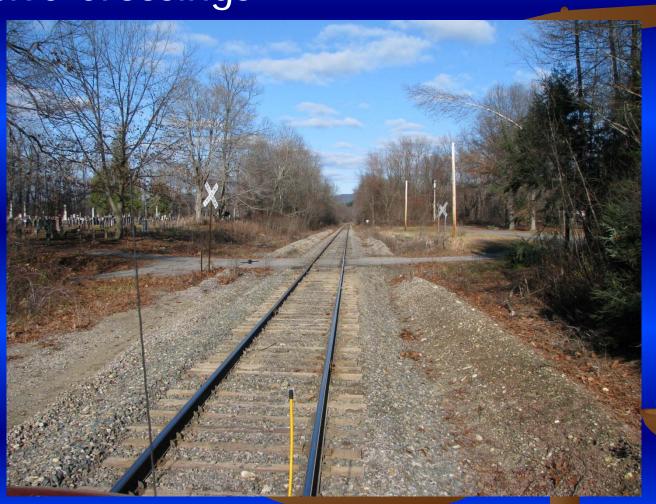
**Small Bridges** 



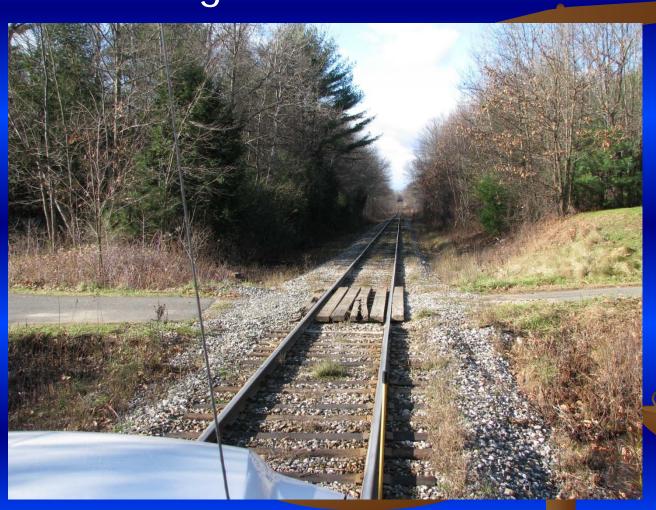
**Active Crossings** 



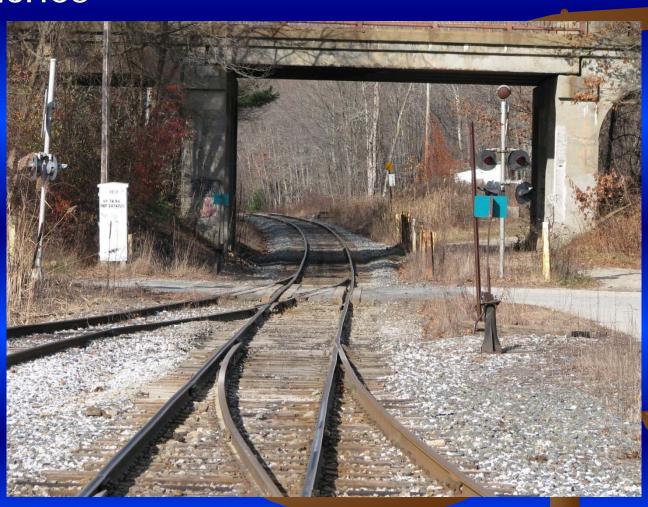
Passive Crossings



**Private Crossings** 



#### **Switches**



## Clearances





#### VERMONT YANKEE NP

#### **NORTHERN ROUTE**

1st Leg NECR Railroad. Plant to East Northfield, Vermont.

2<sup>nd</sup> Leg Choice #1 ST Railroad. East Northfield, VT To South Schenectady, NY.

Choice #2 ST Railroad. East Northfield, VT to Springfield, Mass.

CSX Railroad. Springfield, Mass. to South Schenectady, NY.

3rd Leg Choice#1 CSX Railroad. South Schenectady, NY to Ashtabula, Ohio

Choice#2 CPRS Railway. South Schenectady, NY to Binghamton, NY

NS Railway. Binghamton, NY to Hornell, NY.

WNYP Railroad. Hornell, NY to Olean, NY.

NS Railway. Olean, NY to Driftwood, Pa.

BPRR Railroad. Driftwood, Pa. to New Castle, Pa.

CSX Railroad. New Castle, Pa. to Youngstown, Ohio.

#### **SOUTHERN ROUTE**

1st Leg and 2nd Leg as above

3<sup>rd</sup> Leg

Choice#1 CPRS Railway. South Schenectady, NY to Sunbury, Pa.

NS Railway. Sunbury, Pa. to Lock Haven.

NBER Railroad. Locke Haven to Tyrone, Pa.

NS Railway. Tyrone, Pa. to Johnstown, Pa.

CSX Railroad. Johnstown, Pa. to Cumberland, Maryland.

Choice#2 CPRS Railway. South Schenectady, NY to Sunbury, Pa.

NS Railway. Sunbury, Pa. to Hagerstown, Maryland.

- Routes in RED indicate preferred route to avoid large metropolitan areas.
- BPRR-Buffalo Pittsburgh Railroad
- CPRS-Canadian Pacific Railway
- NBER-Nittany Bald Eagle Railroad
- NECR-New England Central Railroad
- NS-Norfolk Southern Railway
- NYSW-New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway
- ST-Guilford Rail System
- WNYP-Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad

## Conclusions,

- Need For In-depth Look At Shortline Railroads Servicing Nuclear Power Plants!
- Options To Transport VIA Heavy Haul To Nearest Class One Railroad!
- Is Barge Or Legal Weight Truck An Option?

## If Rail Is The Logical Route

- Are There Grants Available From FRA And State?
- Would It Be Economically Viable To Upgrade The Railroad?
- Should The Minimum Acceptable Standard Be Class 2 Track?



Four State Regional Groups Anchor the Collaborative Process:

- Southern States Energy/Board
- Western Interstate Energy Board
- Midwestern Office of the Council of State Governments
- Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments.

### **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

## December 2, 2009

Letter from Rob Marvin, Mid West Counsel of State Governments, to Jo Strang, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety/Chief Safety Officer Encouraging communication to develop an "Inspection Protocol" Expressed need for States to access & share FRA Inspection information

## January 19, 2010

Council of State Governments letter to Jo Strang

Encouraging support of FRA & states to develop a "National Protocol"

#### March 2010

President Obama appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel to Establish SNF policy, three subcommittees established to consider reactor technologies, nuclear waste disposal and nuclear waste transport and storage

## **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

#### 2010

NRC developed new Integrated Spent Fuel Management Program

Long term storage at the power plant sites up to 120 years

Interim storage facility

Potential reprocessing

**Eventual permanent repository** 

## June 29, 2010

Judicial panel of Administration Law Judges ruled that the current administration has no legal authority to withdraw the construction application for Yucca Mountain

## July 16, 2010

Response to Rob's letter.

FRA working on allowing State Inspectors/Managers access to FRA reports

## **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

## August 10, 2010

Transportation & Storage Subcommittee met in Wiscasset Maine

## June 30, 2010

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada vows to block construction

### 2010

Northeast/Midwest CSG, FRA, States- Working on Inspections & Routing
National Inspection Program (Inspection Criteria)
Inspection Report to ensure downstream confidence
Short line Railroads ability to transport SNF

### **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

## **Purpose:**

Develop an inspection standard and provide uniform criteria for use by FRA and FRA State Certified Inspectors involved in MP&E and HAZMAT inspections.

## **Intended Result:**

Installment of standard inspection format and processes that allow for availability and acceptance of preceding inspection results and create the opportunity for reciprocity along transportation corridors.

(Modeled after the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Level VI acceptance standard)

## **Current Procedures:**

15 states have rules, regulations, or policies requiring truck inspections.
6 states have rules, regulations, or policies requiring rail inspections.
FRA conducts point-of-origin inspection in accordance with SCOP
1,000 Mile Air Brake Test – en route requirement

## **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

## **Rail Inspections Development:**

A working committee comprised of ;

Carlisle Smith - OH, HM Supervisor/Chairman CVSA Level VI Program

Committee

Pat Edwards – PA, FRA Program Manager

Mel Massaro – FRA, RAM/Hazardous Materials Inspector

## **SNF/HLW Shipment Inspection Form:**

The committee developed an inspection form

The Inspection Form incorporates regulatory requirements

The Form addresses locomotives, rolling stock, Cask and HM documentation

## **Rail Inspection Field Testing:**

Planning field testing with LSA/SCO shipping campaigns during 2011

#### SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: LOCOMOTIVE

#### Inspections must be performed by qualified/certified inspectors

Inspection type:			notive number(s):e	
				ence number (assigned by shipper):
	type: ☐ SF ☐ HLW ☐ TRU ☐ HRCQ ☐ Other	==0	Carrie	
Simplificant	(check all that apply)			er:nspector(s):
Origin/des	stination:		State	inspector(s):
				300 425 433 BC VIDAN 45 DE
	Please see reference guide fo	r specific it	ems under	each general category.
Items from	m Blue Card, Form FRA F6180-49A			
49 CFR	Item Category	Defect	Found?	Locomotive Number(s) (if defect found)
229.23	Periodic Inspection; General	□No	☐ Yes	□ NA
229.25	Tests: Every Periodic Inspection	□ No	☐ Yes	□ NA
229.27	Annual Tests	□No	☐ Yes	□ NA
229.29	Biennial Test	□No	☐ Yes	□ NA
229.31	Main Reservoir Tests	□ No	☐ Yes	□NA
232.105	General Requirements for Locomotives (annual)	□ No	☐ Yes	□NA
*Critical E	n Route Inspection Items	Daily Inspe	ction Iter	ns Defect(s) Found ☐ Yes
49 CFR	Item Category			Locomotive Number and Description of Defect Found
229.11	Locomotive Identification			
*229.13	Control of Locomotive			
*229.21	Daily Inspection			
*229.41	Protection Against Personal Injury			
*229.43	Exhaust and Battery Gases			
*229.45	General Condition			
*229.46	Brakes: General			
229.47	Emergency Brake Valve			
229.49	Main Reservoir System			
229.51	Aluminum Main Reservoir			
229.53	Brake Gauges			
*229.55	Piston Travel			
*229.59	Leakage			
*229.61	Draft System			
*220 C2	Lateral Martin			

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Inspection Forms Revision 5, January 2010

#### SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: LOCOMOTIVE

49 CFR	Item Category	Locomotive Number and Description of Defect Found
*229.65	Spring Rigging	
*229.67	Trucks	
*229.69	Side Bearings	
*229.71	Clearance Above Top of Rail	
229.73	Wheel Sets	
*229.75	Wheels and Tire	
*229.83	Insulation or Grounding of Metal Parts	
229.85	Doors and Cover Plates Marked "Danger"	
*229.87	Hand Operated Switches	
*229.89	Jumpers; Cable Connections	
*229.89	Motors and Generators	
229.93	Safety Cut-Off Device	
229.95	Venting	
*229.97	Grounding Fuel Tanks	
*229.99	Safety Hangers	
*229.101	Engines	
*229.115	Slip/Slide Alarms	
*229.117	Speed Indicators	
*229.119	Cab, Floor and Passageways	
229.121	Locomotive Cab Noise	
*229.123	Pilot, Snowplow and End Plate	
229.125	Headlights and Auxiliary Light	
*229.127	Cab Lights	
229.129	Locomotive Horn	
*229.131	Sanders	
229.135	Event Recorders	
*229.137	Sanitation, General Requirements	
223.11	Glazing Requirements for Existing Locomotives	
223.13	Caboose Glazing Standards	
224.103	Characteristics of Reflective Sheeting	
224.105	Sheeting Dimension	
231.29	Road Locomotive With Corner Stairways	
231.3	Road Locomotives Used in Switching Service	
231.31	Locomotive Coupler Height	
232.105	General Requirements for Locomotives	

#### SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: LOCOMOTIVE

Note: Upload This Inspection Document with FRA Inspection Form F6180.96 to: (E-ma	ail Address)
Comments and/or defect specifics:	
Signed by:	
Name and organization (print):	
Cell phone #:	

#### SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: FREIGHT

#### Inspections must be performed by qualified/certified inspectors

Location Type: ☐ Origin ☐ *En Route ☐ Destination	Shipper:
Location of inspection:	Reference number (assigned by shipper):
Date and time:	Carrier at Time of Inspection:
Shipment type: ☐ SF ☐ HLW ☐ TRU ☐ HRCQ ☐ Other	FRA inspector(s):
(check all that apply)	State inspector(s):
Origin/destination:	Cask model number(s):
Locomotive number(s):	Cask serial number(s):
Escort car number:	Security seals on cask:

Please see reference guide for specific items under each general category.

#### **Motive Power & Equipment**

*Critical En Route Inspection Items 49 CFR Item Category		Defect(s) Found ☐ Yes		
		Car Number and Description of Defect Found		
*215.103	Defective wheel			
*215.105	Defective Axle			
*215.115	Defective Roller Bearing			
*215.117	Defective Roller Bearing Adapter			
*215.119	Defective Freight Car Truck			
*215.121	Defective Car Body			
*215.123	Defective Couplers			
*215.127	Defective Draft Arrangement			
215.301	Stenciling			
224.103	Characteristics of Reflective Sheeting			
224.105	Sheeting Dimension and Quantity			
*Part 231	Safety appliance standards			
*Part 232	Brake System Safety Standards			
*232.409	End-of-Train Device			
*	Other FRA or State Safety Regulations			

Note: Upload This Inspection Document with FRA Inspection Form F6180.96 to: (E-mail Address)

# SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: FREIGHT Comments and/or defect specifics: Signed by: Name and organization (print): Cell phone #:

#### SPENT FUEL/HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SHIPMENT INSPECTION: FREIGHT

#### **Hazardous Materials**

Shipping Paper (172.101, 172.200,	172.402-403,	1/2.436-440, 173.403)
Shipping name:		-

Shipping name:		
ID number:		
Total quantity and unit of measurement:		
Radionuclides that represent 95% of total radioactive material:		
Physical and Chemical form:		
Activity (must be noted in SI units):	TBq	Ci
Highway route controlled quantity (if applicable):		
Exclusive use shipment (if applicable):		
Label type – category of label:		
SCO I or II or LSA, if appropriate:		
Transport Index – assigned to each package if labeled as a Radioactive Yellow II or III:	Yes	S No
Fissile excepted- if appropriate:	Yes	. No
"Warning- Fissile material controlled shipment" applicable:	if Yes	No
Package identification – Entry of NRC or DOT certificate identification marking:	Yes	No
Instruction for exclusive use – if applicable:	Yes	No
Certification signature:	Yes	No
Shipping paper match label:	Yes	No
Rail route plan available on-site:		No
Emergency response information available:		No
Emergency response telephone number available:		No
Hazardous substance notation (RQ) present, if applicable:	Yes	No
CSI label present (if applicable):	Yes	No

#### Labeling (172.403, 172.436-440, 173.433-435)

Label type		
Labels legibly marked w/ contents, (radionuclides) activity, and transport index:	Yes	No
Label on two sides:	Yes	No
CSI label when applicable:	Yes	No

#### Markings (172.301, 172.310)

Gross weight – for packages of over 110 pounds	Yes	No
Type B packages shall have "Type B" shall be marked on the outside of the vehicle:	Yes	No
Type B, B(U), B(M) must be marked with the radiation symbol:	Yes	No
Package identification markings – outside of package shall be marked with identification markings indicating package certificate number:	Yes	No
Proper shipping name and UN number:	Yes	No
Name and address of consignee/consignor:	Yes	No
Security seal on package for Type B packages – reference 10CFR 71.43(b):	Yes	No
"RQ" for shipments that meet the definition of a hazardous substance:	Yes	No

#### Cask Placarding (172.504, 172.505, 172.527, 172.556)

When placards on required must be on all 4 sides:	Yes	No
UN I.D. number (not allowed for domestic shipments of Class 7 materials):	Yes	No

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# Comments and/or defect specifics: Signed by: Name and organization (print): Cell phone #:

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#### **Cask Radiation Levels**

Instrument type:	
Instrument serial number:	
Background radiation level (mR/h):	

#### Cask Radiation Levels (173.441)

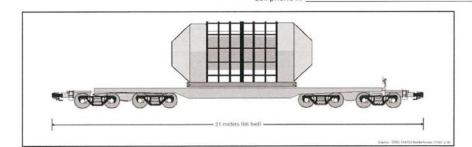
Put number on drawing to show where reading was	Beta/gamma (mR/h) or SI units		Neutron – unit ( )	
taken	State	Shipper	State	Shipper
1. Cask surface				
2. 1 m from cask				
3. Conveyance surface				
4. 2 m from conveyance Locomotive Passenger				

#### Contamination Levels (173.443)

	Maximum dpm		Average dpm	
	State	Shipper	State	Shipper
Alpha				
Beta/Gamma				

omments	and/or	defect	specifics	:	

Signed by:	
Name and organization (print):	



### SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Origin/Enroute Inspection of Rolling Stock, Cask and HM Documentation

Communicate Document with "Downstream" States
Other Safety Inspections - follow "SCOP" guidance
Ensure all tracks can accommodate casks from Shipper to State line
Need for Short line study or branch line evaluation

"SCOP" – Safety Compliance Oversight Plan for Rail Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel

The Ginna NPP/Ontario Midland Railroad and Vermont NPP/New England Central

Railroad studies facilitated by:

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